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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Formation of an Agricultural Colony in the Irwin Canal Area.

ORDER No. R. 6721-80—L. R. 245-37-19, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND MAY 1940.

The question of starting an Agricultural Colony in the Irwin Canal area to afford facilities to suitable educated young men to engage themselves in agriculture has been under consideration for some time past. A committee consisting of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, the Chief Secretary to Government and the Director of Agriculture in Mysore was requested to go into this question and submit a workable scheme for the consideration of Government, indicating the lines on which the Colony may be established and providing necessary safeguards so that losses similar to those which have occurred in the Bhadra Colony may not arise.

2. The Committee have submitted their proposals, the main features of which are as follows :—

(i) Persons who have read up to the S. S. L. C. Standard and who are either graduates in Agriculture or have passed out of the Agricultural School may be taken as colonists, the selection being made by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

(ii) To start with, 10 colonists may be selected.

(iii) The colony should be under the direct charge of the Manager of the Irwin Canal Farm and the general supervision over the Colony should be vested in a Committee consisting of the Director of Agriculture as Chairman, the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore (now Mandya District), the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Mandya, the Secretary of the Mysore Sugar Company and two non-official members, one from each of the Mandya and Maddur Taluks.

(iv) Each colonist should be given 15 acres of land on lease for a period of six years, the amount of lease being nominal and equal to the assessment on the lands.

(v) If the colonists succeed, the land may be conveyed to them at the end of six years at a fair upset price which may be fixed at the present market value of the land, the price being recovered in ten annual instalments from the date of sale.

(vi) The Government should advance to each colonist a sum of Rs. 1,500 on account of capital cost to be incurred on the items of undermentioned expenditure and a further sum of Rs. 500 annually for meeting working expenses. The amount required for cultivation should be advanced on

the security of the crops to be grown on the land and recouped every year as soon as the crops are harvested.

Capital Cost.

	Rs.
House and cattle shed	... 1,000
Two pairs of bullocks	... 300
Ploughs and other agricultural implements ...	... 200
Total	... 1,500
Working expenses to be recouped from the crops grown	... 500
Total	... 2,000

(vii) Each colonist should give a deposit of Rs. 1,500 in token of his earnestness and as security for the amount advanced by Government.

(viii) The Sugar Company should be requested to buy all the sugarcane grown in the colony.

(ix) The colonists should be encouraged to take to industries subsidary to agriculture, such as poultry farming, dairying, sheep breeding, etc.

3. The Committee consider that under the triennial rotation of crops and with the growing of money crops in the colony the income for each colonist will be about Rs. 600 per annum. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 20,000 which will be advanced to the colonists free of interest.

4. Government are pleased to sanction the scheme as outlined above with the modification that the deposit to be made by each colonist may be reduced to Rs. 1,000. The advances made to the colonists will carry no interest for the first four years and will bear interest at 4 per cent per annum thereafter. The balance of advance after adjustment of the deposit will be recovered in five equal annual instalments after the fourth year. But if the colonist selects to purchase the land, the purchase price will include the balance of advance that may be due by him. Necessary provision will be included in the budget of the next year for the purpose.

5. Government are also pleased to direct that a committee consisting of the following persons be appointed to work out the further details and give effect to the scheme :—

(1) The Director of Agriculture in Mysore (Chairman)
(2) The Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District
(3) The Secretary, Mysore Sugar Company
(4) The Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Mandya
(5) Mr. B. Venkatanaranappa, M.A., retired Professor of the Central College, Bangalore
(6) Mr. R. K. S. Mather, Gundlupet
(7) A member from Mandya or Maddur Taluk

6. The Director of Agriculture is requested to select in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner suitable lands in a compact block if possible and give wide publicity to the scheme, invite applications from qualified educated men and start the colony very early. He may dispose of the applications as they are received without waiting for the full number required.

B. T. KESAVIENGAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Adds the name of the Mysore Lac and Paint Works to the list of Abbreviated Telegraphic Addresses.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

O. M. No. A. F. 6287-6305—P. & T. 29-39-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 16TH MAY 1940.

The following will be added to the list of abbreviated addresses of several Government offices issued from time to time and will come into force from the 7th May 1940 :—

Name of office or officer.	*Abbreviated address.*	*Locality at which registered.*
Mysore Government Lac and Paint Works, Mysore.	Paint.	Mysore.

By Order,
C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

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